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LETTER DATED 16 NOVEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation between 6 and 12 November 1992. During the same period, United States aircraft also dropped flares on Saddam Dam in the Ninawa Governorate of northern Iraq. The incidents were as follows:

6-7 November 1992

(a) Northern region: one sortie, flown at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 2,000 metres, over Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Artawi and Busayyah.

7-8 November 1992

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 57 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Artawi and Busayyah.

8-9 November 1992

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

At 1700 hours on 8 November 1992, two United States aircraft dropped eight heat flares from moderate altitude on Saddam Dam in the Ninawa Governorate.

(b) Southern region: 58 sorties, flown by Mirage, F-4, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Al-Khadr, Artawi, Jabaliyah and Busayyah.

9-10 November 1992

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Dukan and Amadiyah.

Between 1344 and 1444 hours on 10 November 1992, a TR-1 aircraft engaged in hostile reconnaissance over the northern region.

(b) Southern region: 12 sorties, flown by F-14 and F-15 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi and Ushbayjah.

10-11 November 1992

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 6,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 7,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Artawi and Jabaliyah.

11-12 November 1992

(a) Northern region: no aerial activity owing to inclement weather.

(b) Southern region: 22 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14 and F-15 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 11,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Salman and Qurnah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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